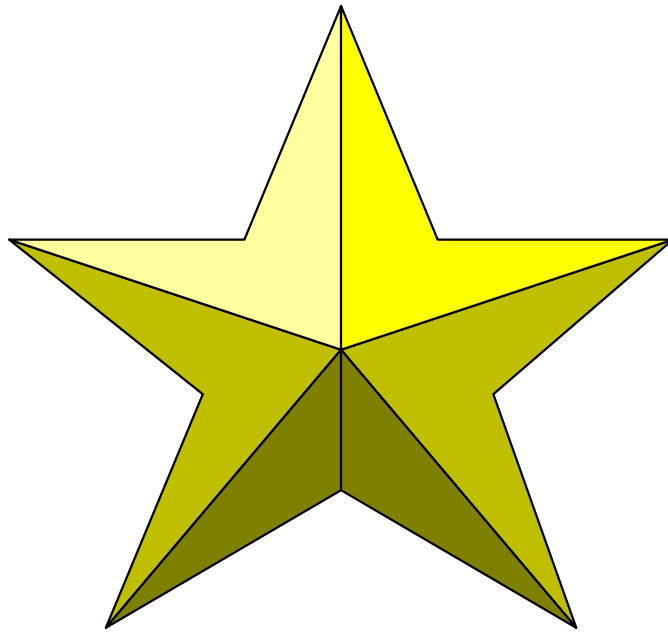


# **CLEAN AIR EXCELLENCE AWARDS PROGRAM**



## **2000 Entry Package**

**Sponsored by:**

**The Clean Air Act Advisory Committee**



**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

# ENTRY RULES

The Clean Air Excellence Awards Program annually recognizes and honors outstanding, innovative efforts that help to make progress in achieving cleaner air. The Clean Air Excellence Awards Program recognizes both individuals and organizations that have undertaken the risks of innovation, served as pioneers in their fields, and improved the environment in the process.

The Clean Air Excellence Awards Program is sponsored by the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC). The CAAAC is an advisory committee that supports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in performing its duties and responsibilities under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

## Eligibility

The Clean Air Excellence Awards Program is open to both public and private entities. Entries are limited to the United States.

## Entry Deadline

*All entries must be submitted by June 2, 2000. Mail your forms today!*

## Entry Requirements

All applicants are asked to submit the attached entry form, which consists of three sections. Section I asks for general information on you and your entry, and contains a checklist for you to identify the award category(ies) applicable to your entry. Section II asks for you to describe why your entry is deserving of a Clean Air Excellence Award. Section III asks for information on three (3) independent references (including name, address, telephone number, and fax number) for

your entry. To the extent possible, these references should be selected from the stakeholders that will be affected by your entry (if applicable).

In addition to the entry form, applicants should submit supporting documentation as necessary, such as photographs, videotapes, written materials (e.g., an evaluation of the outcomes of the program, project, initiative, etc.; product literature; development plans; press releases; copies of the state, local, or tribal policy), and any other information that may assist program judges in making award decisions.

Please submit four (4) copies of your entry package to the following address:

*Clean Air Excellence Awards Program  
ATTN: Paul Rasmussen  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air and Radiation (6102A)  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004*

## Clean Air Excellence Award Categories

There are five (5) categories in which your program, project, technology, initiative, etc. may be entered:

- i *Clean Air Technology.* This category applies to technological developments (including products or processes) that reduce air pollution from either stationary, mobile, or area sources.
- i *Community Development/Re-Development.* This category applies to practices occurring at any stage of the

development process, including construction, planning, and design.

- i *Education/Outreach.* This category applies to efforts that are intended to disseminate information about air quality and related issues.
- i *Regulatory/Policy Innovations.* This category applies to regulatory or policy initiatives and programs implemented at state, local, or tribal government levels.
- i *Transportation Efficiency Innovations.* This category applies to programs and projects that make transportation systems more efficient and reduce air pollution in the process.

You may submit your entry in more than one category. Please note that the categories of awards given in any one year will depend on the applications received. Some categories may have multiple award winners, while other categories may have no winners.

### **Judging and Award Criteria**

EPA staff will conduct an initial screening of all applications received, and will consult with outside experts to the extent necessary. A second screening will then be conducted by a special CAAAC workgroup. Final award determinations will be made by the CAAAC and the EPA Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

Entries will be judged based on both general criteria and criteria specific to

each individual category. The following general criteria will be used in assessing each entry:

- i The entry directly or indirectly (i.e., by encouraging actions) reduces emissions of criteria pollutants, greenhouse gases, or hazardous/toxic air pollutants.
- i The entry demonstrates innovation and uniqueness.
- i The entry provides a model for others to follow (i.e., it is replicable).
- i The positive outcomes from the entry are continuing/sustainable.

Although *not required* to win an award, the following general criteria will also be considered in the judging process:

- i The entry has positive effects on other environmental media in addition to air.
- i The entry demonstrates effective collaboration and partnerships.
- i The individual or organization submitting the entry has effectively measured/evaluated the outcomes of the project, program, technology, etc.

The specific criteria that will be used in the judging process for each of the five award categories are presented in the table on the next page.

### **The Thomas W. Zosel Outstanding Individual Achievement Award**

In addition to the five award categories described above, the Clean Air Excellence Awards Program annually recognizes up to one individual for outstanding achievement, demonstrated leadership, and a lasting commitment to promoting clean air and helping to achieve better air

quality. *Candidates for this award must be nominated by a third party.*

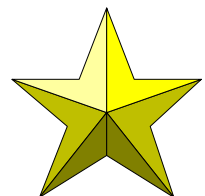
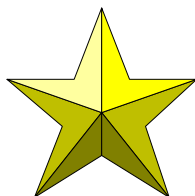
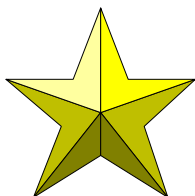
### **Notification and Presentation**

Clean Air Excellence Award winners will be notified by mail no later than August 31, 2000. Awards will be presented at the Fall 2000 meeting of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee.

The Clean Air Excellence Awards Program is dedicated to the memory of Thomas W. Zosel (1943-1999), an original member of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee. Mr. Zosel was a nationally and internationally recognized authority on clean air, pollution prevention, and other environmental issues.

# SPECIFIC AWARD CRITERIA

Award Category	Award Criteria
<i>Clean Air Technology</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i The technology is commercially viable and can be widely applied.</li> <li>i The technology is cost-effective relative to other air pollution control technologies that already exist.</li> <li>i The technology is developed at the prototype stage or beyond.</li> </ul>
<i>Community Development/ Re-Development</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i The development would result in increased access to employment centers, services, amenities, and other destinations by means other than private vehicles (such as walking, biking, or transit).</li> <li>i The development would reduce energy usage.</li> <li>i The development would provide additional housing, commercial, retail, or other services with less impact on energy, environmental, or transportation resources than a typical like project.</li> <li>i The development is at least in the design stage.</li> </ul>
<i>Education/ Outreach</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i The education/outreach program increases public awareness about the importance of clean air.</li> <li>i The education/outreach program improves access to information on clean air issues.</li> <li>i The education/outreach program reaches a wide number of stakeholders.</li> <li>i Development of the education/outreach program is completed or substantially underway.</li> </ul>
<i>Regulatory/Policy Innovations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i The regulation or policy encourages actions that go beyond compliance with applicable laws and regulations.</li> <li>i The regulation or policy provides flexibility to the regulated community.</li> <li>i The development process for the regulation or policy has included a stakeholder (e.g., public) involvement component.</li> <li>i The regulation or policy has been put into effect.</li> </ul>
<i>Transportation Efficiency Innovations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i The project or program increases the number of available transportation options, and thus is likely to reduce VMT and/or vehicle trips.</li> <li>i The project or program improves travel convenience and reduces travel time and costs.</li> <li>i Development of the project or program is completed or substantially underway.</li> </ul>
<i>Thomas W. Zosel Outstanding Individual Achievement Award</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i The individual has demonstrated leadership, outstanding achievement, and a lasting commitment to promoting clean air and helping to achieve better air quality.</li> </ul>



# ENTRY FORM

Please use a separate form for each entry (you may photocopy this form as necessary).  
Please type or print.

## SECTION I

Entry Name: \* \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Location (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By (Individual(s) or Organization Name(s)): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

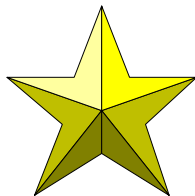
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

\*NOTE: If you are nominating an individual for the Thomas W. Zosel Outstanding Individual Achievement Award, please enter his or her name on the "Entry Name" line above, and enter your name on the "Submitted By" line above.

**Check one or more:** Which award category(ies) applies to your entry?

- ' Clean Air Technology
- ' Community Development/Re-Development
- ' Education/Outreach
- ' Regulatory/Policy Innovations
- ' Transportation Efficiency Innovations
- ' Thomas W. Zosel Outstanding Individual Achievement Award



## SECTION II

In the space below or on a separate sheet(s), please provide a narrative description of your entry (if applicable) and explain why it is deserving of an award. Be sure to address each of the award criteria for the category(ies) applicable to your entry. (Please limit your description to 500 words or less.)

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## SECTION III

Please provide three (3) independent references for your entry. Be sure to include a name, address, telephone number, and fax number for each reference. To the extent possible, your references should be selected from the stakeholders that will be affected by your entry.

### Reference #1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reference #2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
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